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GAMBURD LAW GROUP LLC 600 WEST JACKSON BLVD. SUITE 625 CHICAGO, IL 60661			GRAVINI, STEPHEN MICHAEL	
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**Interview Summary**

Application No.	10/518,864	Applicant(s)	SVONJA, GEORGE
Examiner	Stephen Gravini	Art Unit	3749

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Stephen Gravini (PTO pers.) (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Nancy Gamburd (appl rep.) (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 21 September 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1,13 and 20.

Identification of prior art discussed: Smith (US 6,158,157) Merten (US 4,466,202), Jaynes (US 2002/0125591).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Positively reciting providing nitrogen-depleted gas or circulating a portion of nitrogen-depleted gas instead of used gas would place the application in condition for allowance because the prior does not suggest nitrogen-depletion in the methods or apparatus for treating and drying gas.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No: 10/518,864 First Named Applicant: GEORGE SUNDJA  
 Examiner: STEPHEN GRAVINI Art Unit: 3749 Status of Application: PCT TO BE FILED

## Tentative Participants:

(1) STEPHEN GRAVINI (2) NANCY GAMBURD  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: 9/21/2007 Proposed Time: 9:00 (AM/PM)

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1)  Telephonic (2)  Personal (3)  Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:  YES

NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>REJ.</u>	<u>1</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>REJ</u>	<u>13</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>REJ</u>	<u>20</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached					

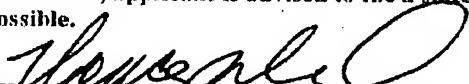
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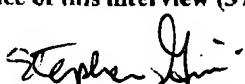
1. NITROGEN- DEPLETED DRIVING GAS; 2. ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION  
STRUCTURE OR STEPS TO BE CLAIMED

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

  
Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

  
Examiner/SPE Signature

NANCY R. GAMBURD  
Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

38,147

Registration Number, if applicable

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